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BOLIVIA: Party Talks With Junta

Former President and Nationalist Democratic Action Party leader Hugo Banzer reportedly is negotiating with the junta about his party's possible participation in the government. The military government apparently believes the addition of civilians to the cabinet could provide the appearance of legitimacy to help secure the international acceptance it now lacks. Banzer's party reportedly had earlier rejected overtures to participate until domestic turmoil had subsided, but Banzer may now be attempting to lay the groundwork for an eventual return to power. [redacted]

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